

LARRY WINN, JR. POST OFFICE  
BUILDING

SPEECH OF

**HON. JERRY MORAN**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 19, 2006*

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of a distinguished Kansan, Edward Lawrence "Larry" Winn, Jr. Congressman Winn honorably represented the residents of the Third Congressional District of Kansas from 1967 until 1985. His career in Congress was marked by his care for the Kansans he represented and accentuated by noteworthy accomplishments.

Kansans are people that know the value of a hard day's work—Congressman Winn included. During his eighteen years of service in Congress, Congressman Winn always worked to ensure taxpayer's dollars were spent wisely. He knew the folks back home had worked hard and expected their taxes to not be wasted. The Treasury Department recognized Congressman Winn's efforts for fiscal responsibility by awarding him the Golden Bulldog Award each year he served.

Congressman Winn also made sure that Kansans were well-informed about what was happening in Washington. As a former radio broadcaster, Congressman Winn taped a weekly radio program that was distributed to local broadcasters in Kansas. His popularity and reputation for excellence in constituent service was evident by frequently seeing "I visited Congressman Larry Winn in Washington" bumper stickers.

During his service in the House, Congressman Winn was a strong supporter of our nation's space program. As a member of the House Committee on Space and Aeronautics, Congressman Winn's support for space exploration and scientific discovery, helped give NASA the resources it needed to achieve the great accomplishments it did.

I am proud to be a sponsor of legislation to recognize this fine Kansan. For his dedication to the people of Kansas and our nation, it is appropriate that Congress honor Congressman Winn by designating the United States Post Office at 6029 Broadmoor Street in Mission, Kansas, as the "Larry Winn, Jr. Post Office Building."

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE PREVENTIVE MEDICINE FOR A HEALTHIER AMERICA ACT OF 2006

**HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 21, 2006*

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation that would improve the long-term health of Americans and reduce the skyrocketing health care costs in our nation. One of the best ways we can accomplish these goals is to encourage companies to implement programs that prevent disease and encourage healthy lifestyles.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I am introducing the Preventive Medicine for a Healthier America Act of 2006. This legislation would in-

crease the number of individuals who pursue preventive medicine careers, encourage businesses to offer wellness programs for their employees, and provide public awareness on the importance of preventive medicine.

Preventive medicine physicians are an important resource in the quest to educate patients and communities of health risks, detect symptoms in the early stages of disease, and encourage preventive action. Unfortunately, the number of preventive medicine residency programs and individuals pursuing preventive medicine degrees has significantly decreased in recent years.

As a result, the Preventive Medicine for a Healthier America Act would offer up to \$20,000 in loan forgiveness for individuals who become board certified in preventive medicine. Medical school is an expensive undertaking and too many medical students are forced to pursue professions that will provide instant financial benefits. They often must do this simply to payoff student loans. By providing up to \$20,000 in loan forgiveness for pursuing preventive medicine, this legislation would help ensure a talented pool of preventive medicine physicians.

Businesses are another important component in the fight to prevent disease among Americans. As businesses realize the financial benefits and productivity improvements involved with the health of their employees, more and more are becoming interested in preventive medicine. Wellness and preventive health programs can be expensive initially. However results over the long-term have saved companies hundreds of thousands of dollars and several have even seen cost savings in the millions.

The Preventive Medicine for a Healthier America Act would provide tax incentives for companies that implement a wellness program for their employees. Qualified businesses that implement wellness programs would be able to claim a tax credit for every employee that participates. A certain percentage of their employees would have to participate for a company to be eligible for the credit, and there are specific requirements to ensure employees benefit. In turn, employees would stay healthier and businesses can see a significant reduction in their health care costs.

Public awareness regarding the importance of preventive medicine is also a key to the prevention of disease. My bill also would require the Department of Health and Human Services to carry out a national education campaign to encourage the use of preventive health screenings. Providing education would encourage individuals to take responsibility for their health and offer information on how to prevent illness for themselves and for their loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce the Preventive Medicine for a Healthier America Act which would reduce the risk of disease, encourage a healthier America, and help curb the rising cost of health care for our businesses. It is important we realize as a Nation that taking care of ourselves today will pay the dividends of tomorrow.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS' 2006 "STAMP OUT HUNGER" NATIONAL FOOD DRIVE

**HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 21, 2006*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, June 6th was National Hunger Awareness Day, a day when our Nation acknowledged that more than 38 million Americans, including nearly 14 million children, still go hungry every day.

As a Member of Congress and as one of the Co-Chairs of the House Hunger Caucus, I am committed to ending hunger in the United States and around the world. I know we can end hunger once and for all if we only have the political will to do so.

Mr. Speaker, it is with gratitude and pleasure that I rise to specifically acknowledge the efforts of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) toward feeding the hungry in the United States and its jurisdictions. On Saturday, May 13, the NALC executed its 14th annual "Stamp Out Hunger" national food drive. Millions of American generously left food donations next to their mail slots for pick-up that Saturday. Local letter carriers throughout the country collected, processed and distributed 70,493,150 pounds of donated food along their regular postal routes.

The 70.5 million pounds of food has gone to restock our Nation's food banks, pantries and shelters. This national network of agencies assist our children, elderly, working poor, disabled and unemployed who struggle to obtain nutritious meals for themselves and their families.

Some of this food was donated by residents of the 3rd Congressional District of Massachusetts to the Greater Boston Food Bank and the Worcester County Food bank. Together, they serve 887 soup kitchens, food pantries, shelters and other agencies.

This drive exemplifies the types of partnerships between government, the private sector and civil society that our country needs. The United States Postal Service and Campbell Soup Company teamed up with the NALC to deliver almost 118 million post-cards promoting the drive, and to enable the pick-up and distribution of donations.

I commend the efforts of over 200,000 letter carriers, great American public servants on and off the job, toward helping our needy. Their efforts should serve as an inspiration and as a model to our fellow Americans and to the federal government. I hope that the work of our Nation's letter carriers spurs other Americans to work together toward the achievable goal of ending hunger in this wealthiest of nations.

#### TRIBUTE TO JUDY JONES

**HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 21, 2006*

Mr. McCAUL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address this body with a heavy heart. Judy Jones, the mother of my dear friend Melinda Little, passed away on Sunday, June 18, 2006 with her family by her side.